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Introductory Paragraph – Background for the Conflict

The introductory paragraph for the narrative letter gives the setting, creates the tone, presents the characters, and presents other facts necessary to understanding the conflict.

Self Check

Ask yourself whether your introduction answers MOST of these questions to help you evaluate your paragraph:

- What is a description of the selected character? Job? Position in town?
Family history?
- Where does the narrative take place?
- When is it? Time period?
- What are the social conditions in the town?
- What is the town's identity?
- What is the trial about?
- What is the conflict?
- What are stereotypes associated with the identity of the selected character?
- What are stereotypes associated with the opposing characters with whom there are a conflict?
- How does the selected character view the trial? Evolution?
- How do the opposing characters view the trial? Evolution?
- How does the town view the trial?
- What is the relationship between the selected character and others?